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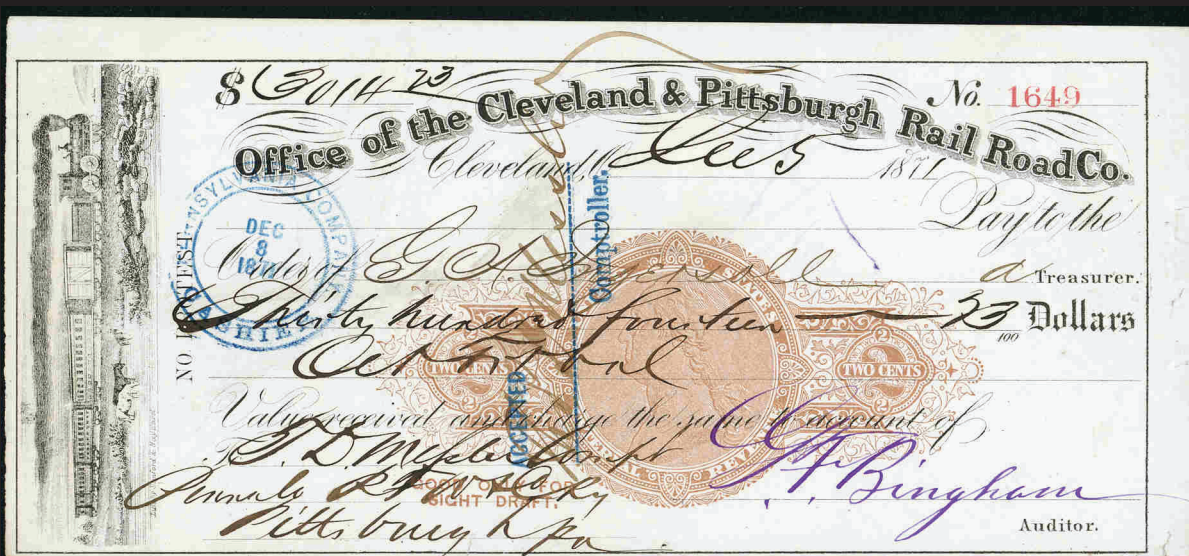
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The merchant's drafts on the cover are non-Pennsylvania examples of the kind of non-bank fiscal paper I'm writing about beginning in this issue as a follow-up to the monumental listing of checks and drafts issued by banks by Peter Robin which ended last issue. I'm not the ideal person to author such a listing, as I have not made any effort to collect Pennsylvania paper other than things which interest me or I get with other things I buy. But I do remember Ed Lipson, at a paper money show, opening a stockbook full of railroad drafts and pulling one of each out, saying, "You need this one, and this one." And a number of those were from Pennsylvania.

In this issue we find some checks from 1903-1907 from Oklahoma and Indian Territories, an interesting find of a territory to territory order to pay, by David Brase, and the beginning of an inventory of Connecticut revenue stamped paper by Don Woodworth. So we did avoid running an Index for this issue.

I can use a couple of articles for the fourth quarter - we don't want it to be taken up by three ongoing listings, one of which I'm writing and one of which I mostly write. That is not a sustainable situation.

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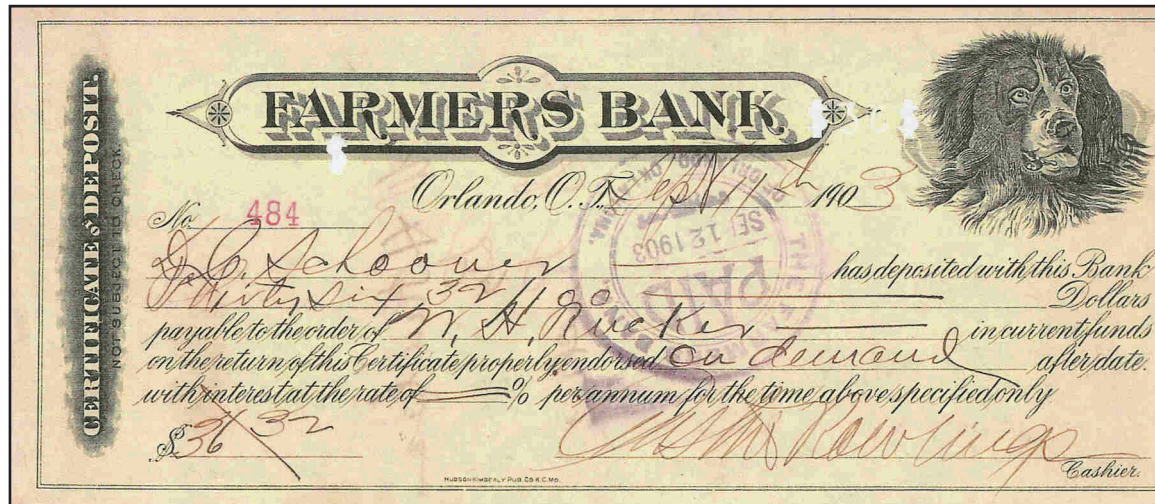
Collecting Territorial Paper

Part 16

By Jim Adams

We have spent time discussing Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory fiscal paper prior to the Spanish American War tax period, and during that period, but these territories did not combine to form the State of Oklahoma until November 16, 1907. We shouldn't neglect the five years in between.

The certificate of deposit below was issued in Orlando, Oklahoma Territory in 1903. The settlement was originally named Cherokee, but was changed to Orlando when a post office was opened in 1899. Three years earlier a group of swindlers bought property in the area and salted it with gold nuggets to start a spurious gold rush.



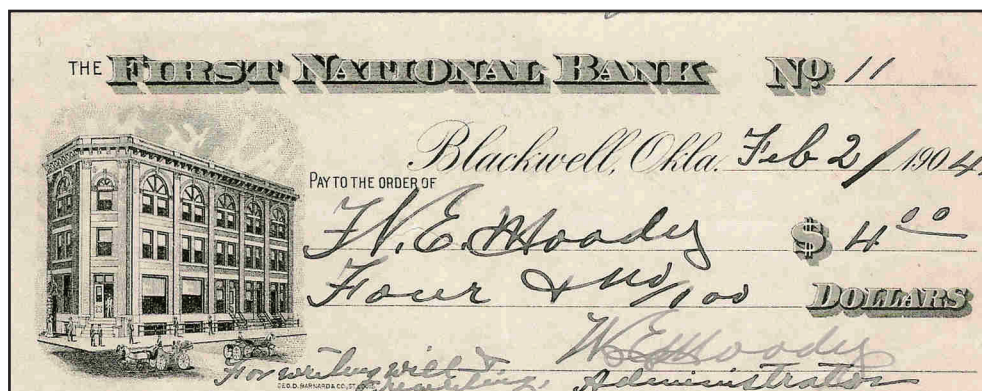
Orlando is now part of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, and in the 2010 census boasted 148 inhabitants.

The dog head on the certificate comes from a Landseer painting.

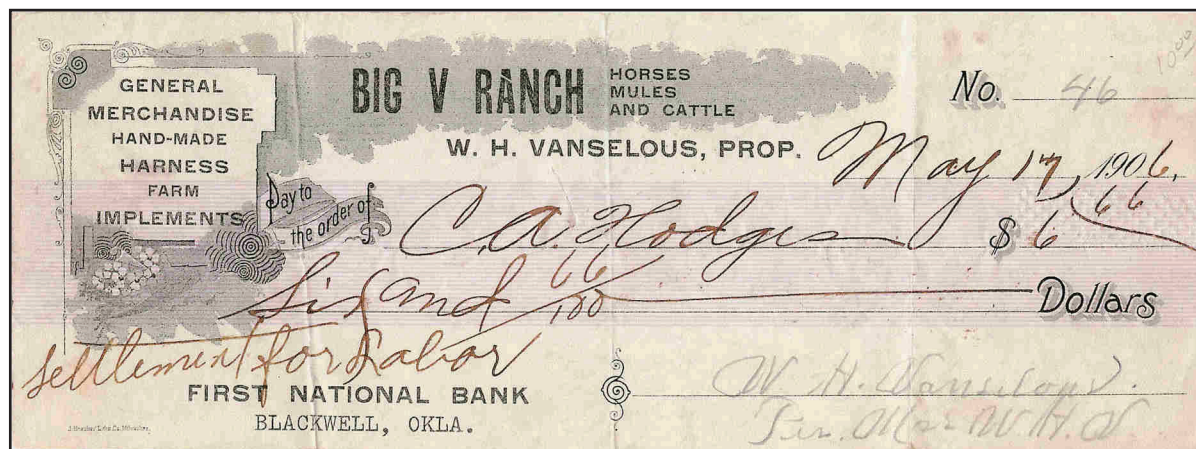
Andrew Blackwell's wife was of Cherokee descent, so he was eligible to found the town of Blackwell at the time of the Cherokee Strip land run in 1893. He served as its first mayor. The town's first school opened almost immediately, and a post office followed quickly.

The First National Bank of Blackwell was chartered in 1900. It ran until 1934 when it became First National Bank in Blackwell, which failed in 1991.

W.E. Moody, signer of the check was an attorney in Blackwell.

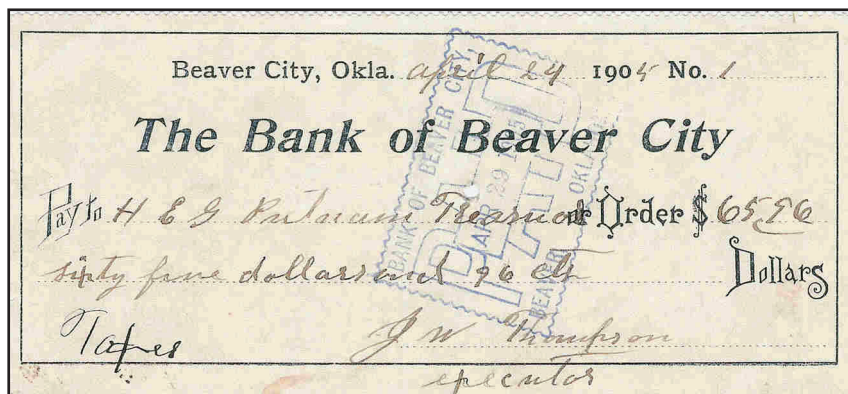


Slightly more than two years after this check was written, in May of 1906, a meteorite landed in town, but the most notable natural occurrence associated with Blackwell is a 1955 tornado that destroyed almost 200 homes and killed 20 people.



The Big V Ranch is closer to Ponca, but the Vanselous family did their banking in Blackwell in 1906. William Henry Vanselous began to buy Ponca land as soon as he could, and eventually amassed about ten thousand acres of it. Construction of the ranch was completed around 1901.

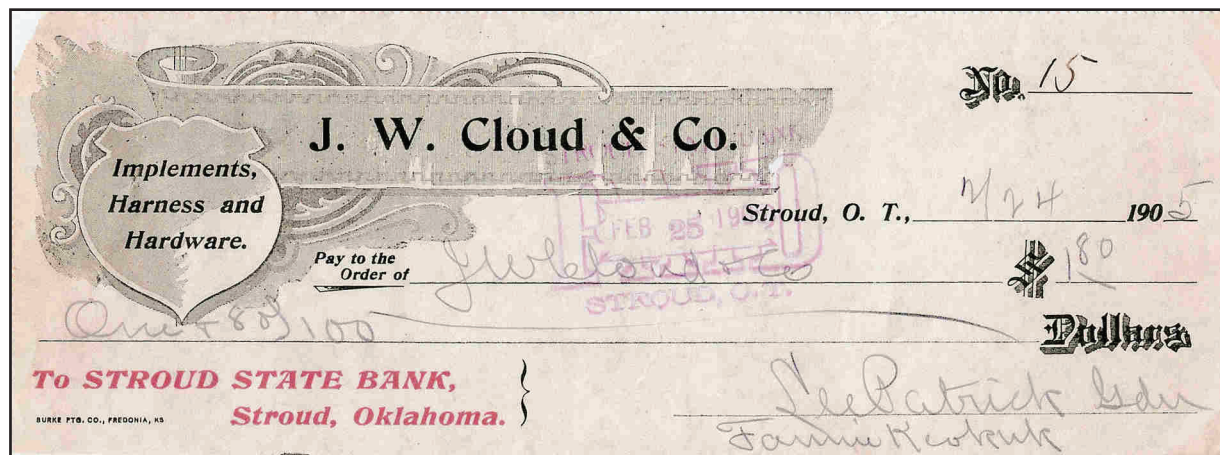
The Big V was reputedly the largest supplier of mules in the United States early in the 20th Century, and it once employed 50 or 60 ranch hands. Vanselous died in 1930, but his farmhouse has been restored and may be visited today.



Beaver City, at the east side of the Oklahoma Panhandle, was the location of a fur trading post in 1879. It was set to be the capital of Cimarron Territory, which was never formally established, although it did try to send a delegate

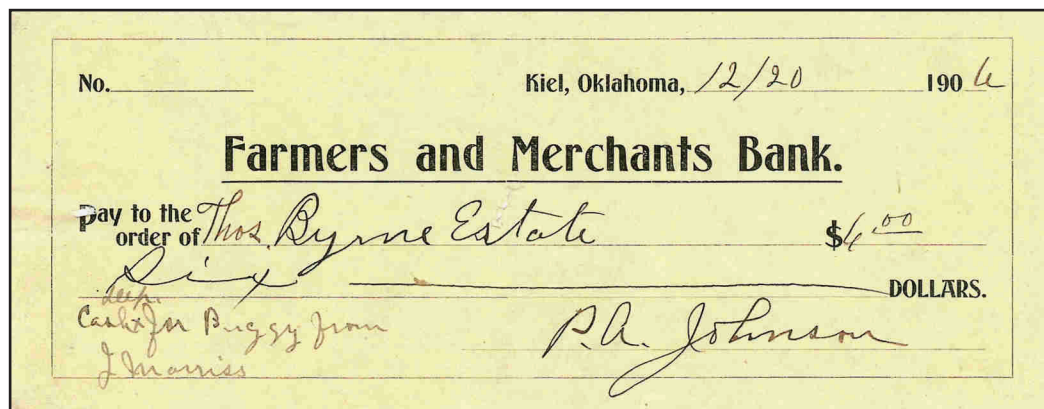
to Congress. Beaver County, or "No Man's Land," covered the entire Panhandle from 1890 until statehood.

The Bank of Beaver City was opened in 1902 and is still operating.



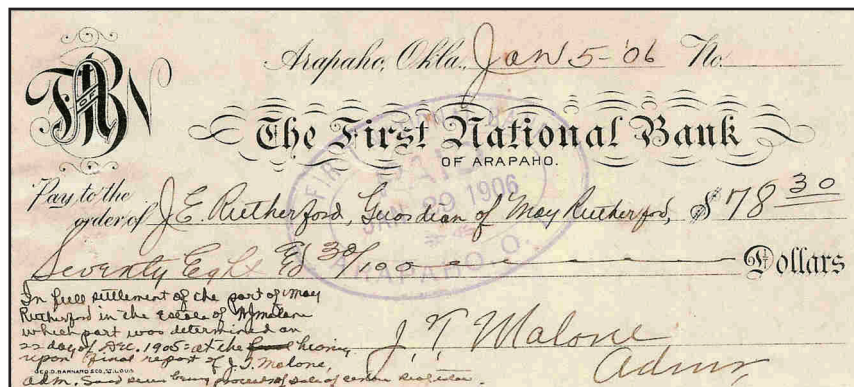
Stroud, founded in 1892, had a wild reputation in its early days. The Stroud State Bank was robbed by Barnard Burns in 1901, but wasn't involved in the 1915 simultaneous robbery of two banks in Stroud by Henry Starr and friends.

Starr was wounded and captured, but only served four years in prison before being paroled. He went on to rob other banks, and portray himself in a movie before being shot and killed in 1921 (while robbing a bank) at age 47.



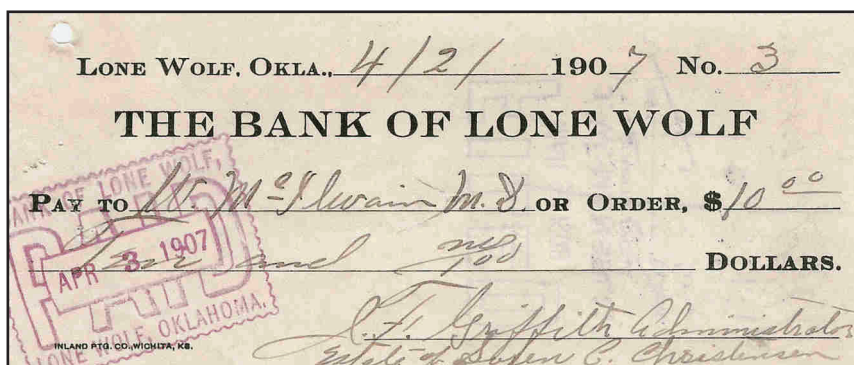
Kiel was founded by German settlers, who named it for their ancestral city. During World War I the name fell afoul of anti-German sentiment, so it was changed to Loyal. It had fewer than one hundred inhabitants as of the 2000 census.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, formed before 1900, consolidated with Peoples National Bank of Kingfisher in 1930, and that merged into Peoples First of Hennessey in the 1990s.



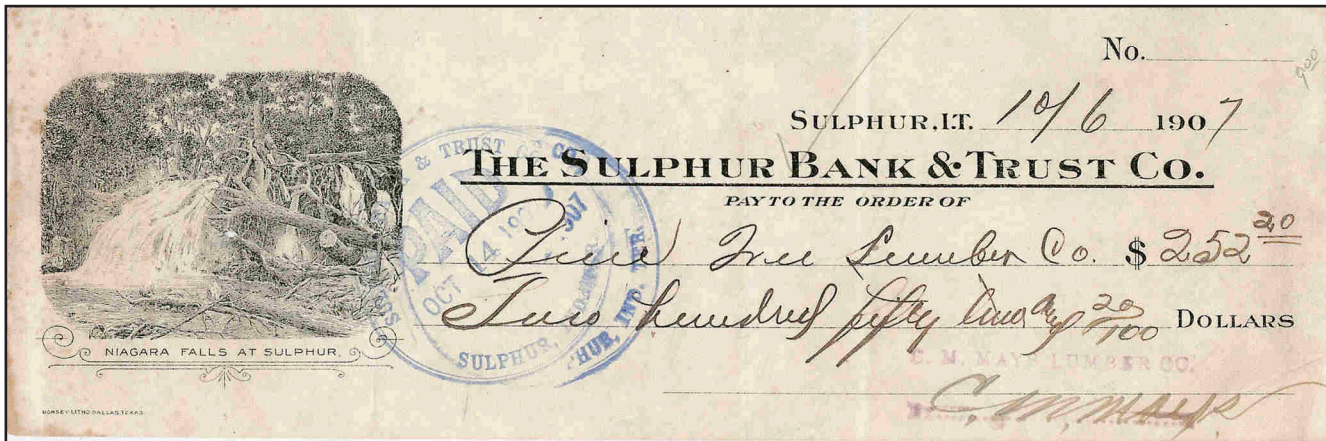
The town of Arapaho dates from the April 19 Cheyenne - Arapaho land run of 1892. A post office had been set up for the town the month before, anticipating an influx of settlers, and by sundown on the 19th there were 400 land claims. The first town newspaper was published ten days later.

By 1894 a school and the county courthouse had been built, and a library was opened in 1904. The First National Bank came into existence as the Arapahoe State Bank in 1902, converting to a national bank shortly afterward. In 1919 it relocated to Clinton. The town has fewer than 1,000 residents today.



The town of Lone Wolf was a relative newcomer, not having been founded until August of 1901 when the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Reservation was opened to outside settlers. It was named for Chief Lone Wolf of the Kiowa. The first business that opened in town was a restaurant, and it is reported that Chief Lone Wolf, along with his wife and son, were the first customers.

Although Lone Wolf boasted a number of businesses, it has never had a large population, generally under 500 people. The Bank of Lone Wolf converted to a national charter in 1911 and was acquired by the First State Bank of Lone Wolf in 1995. That bank moved to Hobart, then merged with the Peoples First of Hennessey in 1999, as did the successor to the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kiel, above.



The town of Sulphur is large by the standards of those we have been talking about on the last few pages, having around 5,000 inhabitants. The area has been popular for its mineral springs since the 1880's. The first settlement was built on a site that soon became part of the Sulphur Springs Reservation, and in 1902 the residents had to move out of the park. Some relocated to the east side of Rock Creek, while others moved west of the Reservation. The park was enlarged in 1904, and those who moved west were forced to move again, so they chose the west side of Rock Creek.

At that point there was growth on both sides of the creek, but no bridge was built across it until 1907. When they did, build one, they buried a hatchet in it.

The Sulphur Bank & Trust Company was formed in 1903, presumably in East Sulphur. In 1908 it became the Park National Bank and Trust, Sulphur, which failed in 1932.

The check above was written less than six weeks before Statehood.

To be continued.

An Ilion Bank Check with a Revenue Stamp!

courtesy of Roger Patterson



In TCC 120 I asked whether anyone has seen an Ilion Bank check with a revenue stamp used to pay the bank check tax. Roger emailed me this scan of one, and commented that many he has seen appear to have some water stains, indicating that stamps could have fallen off naturally.

Roger also sent me a larger scan of the stamp, and the manuscript cancel does match the date of the check itself.

A Two-Territorial Check on a Drug Store Billhead

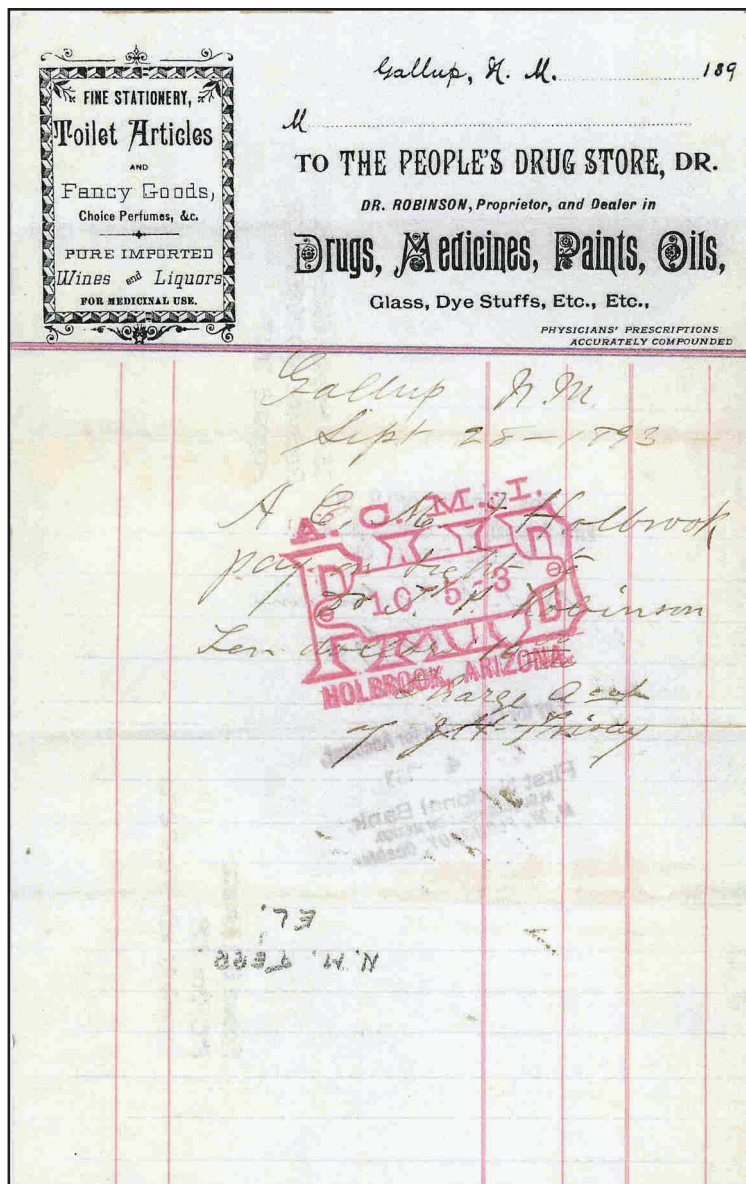
By David Brase

In previous issues of *The Check Collector* I described banking transactions with the Hibernia Savings & Loan Society in San Francisco by individuals who used letterheads of druggists in Amador City and Tolumne, California (TCC Number 87) as well as showing a two-country certificate of deposit issued in Nogales, Mexico and redeemed in Nogales, Arizona (TCC Number 69.)

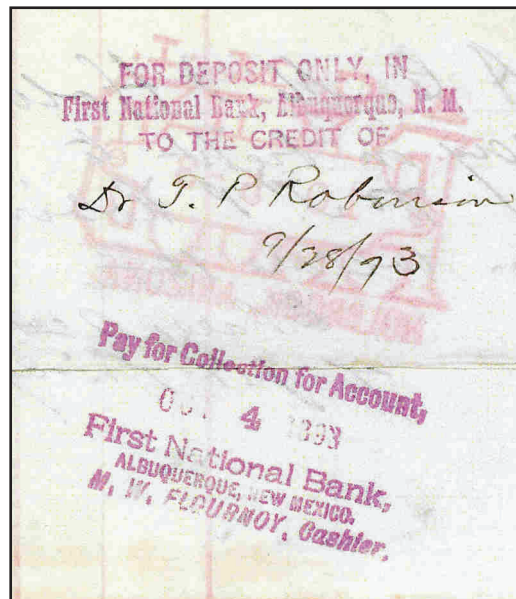
Last January at the annual International Stock and Bond Show in Herndon, VA, I found something that I had been wanting for more than twenty years - a druggist's billhead from New Mexico. I have been collecting old drug/health related billheads and letterheads since I started working for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1995 (acquiring over 2,000 such items) and I finally found one from New

Mexico among the offerings by the Champion Stamp Company (NYC) at the show in Herndon.

It wasn't until I got home that I realized this billhead is not a bill of sale. Rather, it is a check in the amount of \$10 made out to the druggist Dr. T.P. Robinson, to be charged to the account of J.H. Frisby at A.C.M.I. Holbrook. Rubber stamps on the back indicate that Dr. Robinson deposited the check in the First National Bank of Albuquerque, NM. That bank then sent it for collection on October 4, 1893. The rubber stamp on the front clearly indicates that it was paid one day later and that Holbrook is in Arizona (about 95 miles away from Gallup, New Mexico.)



Stamped information on the back of the billhead/check.



Thanks to an article by Jim Adams (TCC Number 100) we know that the initials A.C.M.I. must refer to the Arizona Cooperative Mercantile Institution. His article pictures a 1906 check from this business in Holbrook, which had a population of only 206 in 1890. Gallup, NM was considerably larger, with a population of 2,948 in 1900.

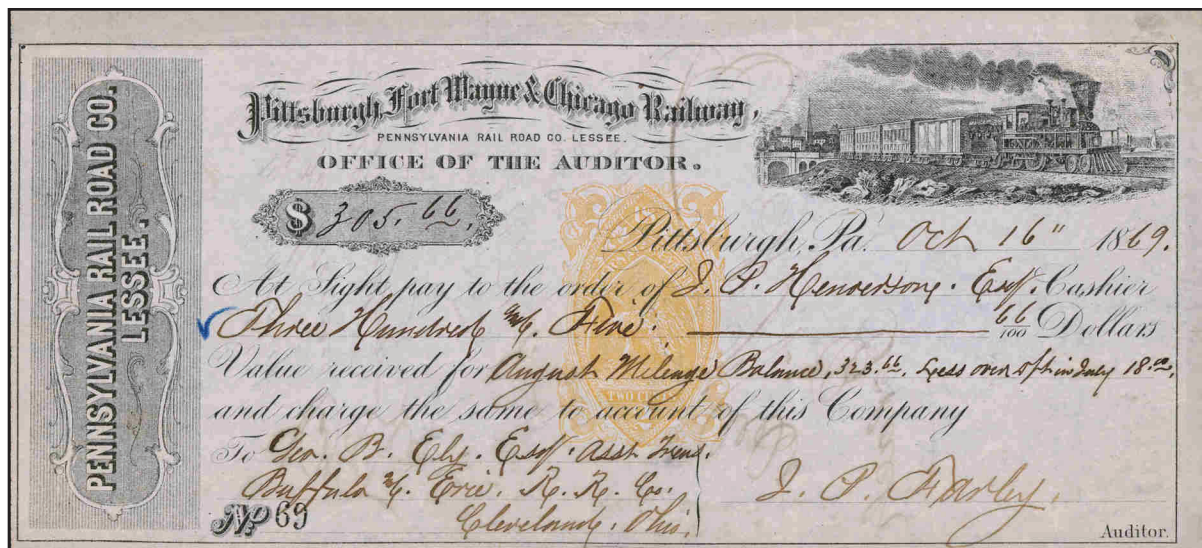
Since both Arizona and New Mexico did not gain statehood until 1912, this 1893 billhead check ties two U.S. territories. Nevertheless, it is going into my billhead collection, not my check collection. Now, if only I can find a New Mexico CD for my collection of old certificates of deposit!

Pennsylvania Non-bank Drafts

by Bob Hohertz

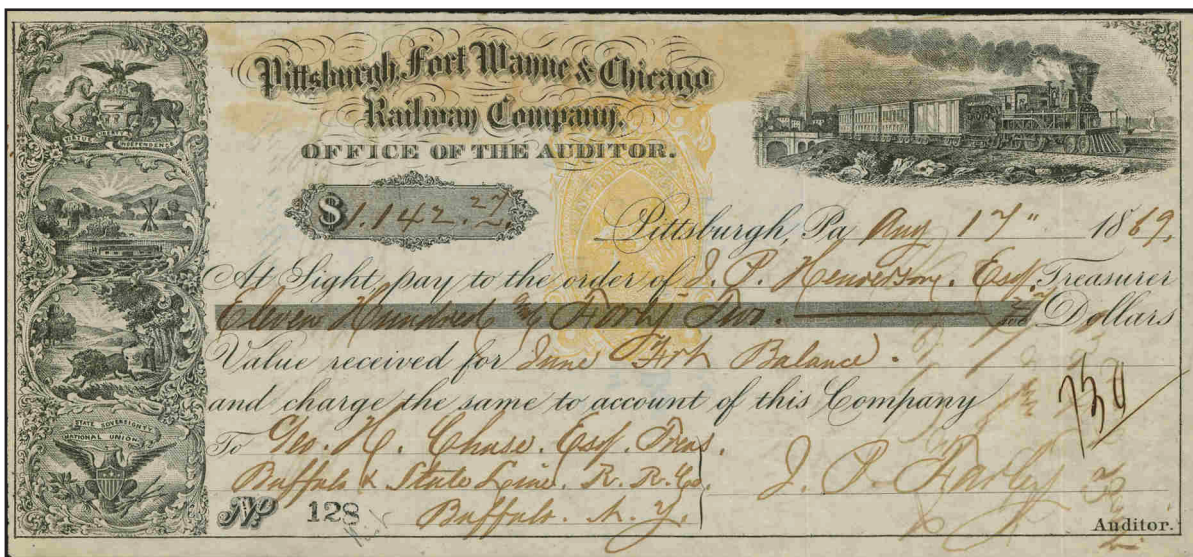
For the better part of the last ten years we have been running Peter Robin's detailed inventory of Pennsylvania checks and drafts used from the 1860's to the early years of the 20th Century. It ran as Pennsylvania Banks, and each piece of fiscal paper was catalogued by an issuing bank.

By its very nature, the inventory did not cover a group of merchant's drafts and receipts, as any bank associated with these would be written in by hand and could vary for identically printed documents. Many of these involved railroads charging each other for services rendered.



As an example, this draft paid the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for hauling Buffalo and Erie Railroad cars on their lines.

I am not the best person to compile a list of these drafts, as my collection of PA fiscal paper is not the most extensive. But, here goes.



This elaborate railroad draft was pictured in an earlier TCC, when I wrote about buffalo vignettes. It was used by the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway to collect an amount due from the Buffalo and State Line Railroad.

Again, there was no bank involved in the transaction.

I'll list my PA non-bank items by revenue imprint. I'll also illustrate all of them over the course of the listings.

RN B1

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Mauch Chunk	Lehigh Valley R R Co	CFK	186__	Draft
Meadville	Atlantic & Great Western Ry	CFK	186__	Draft
Philadelphia	Davis, Mc Kean & Co			
	Philadelphia Sugar Refinery		18__	Receipt
Philadelphia	totally generic	Alx		Receipt (?)
Pittsburgh	Wood, Matthews & Co	KrB	186__	Draft
Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry		18__	Draft
Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania RR Co, lessee, of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry		18__	Draft



The Lehigh Valley Rail Road Company issued this draft to collect for shipping coal.

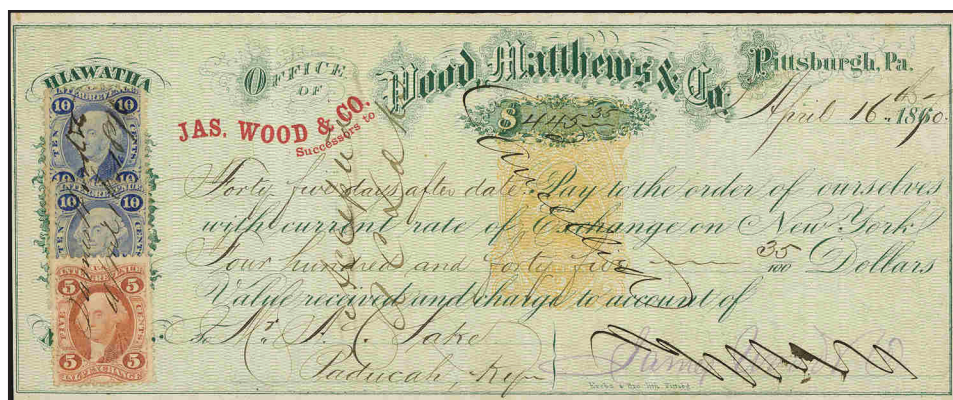


This draft was issued to collect ticket balances from the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway by the Atlantic and Great Western. It has a Treasurer's handstamp from the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne, signifying that the amount claimed had been reviewed and accepted.



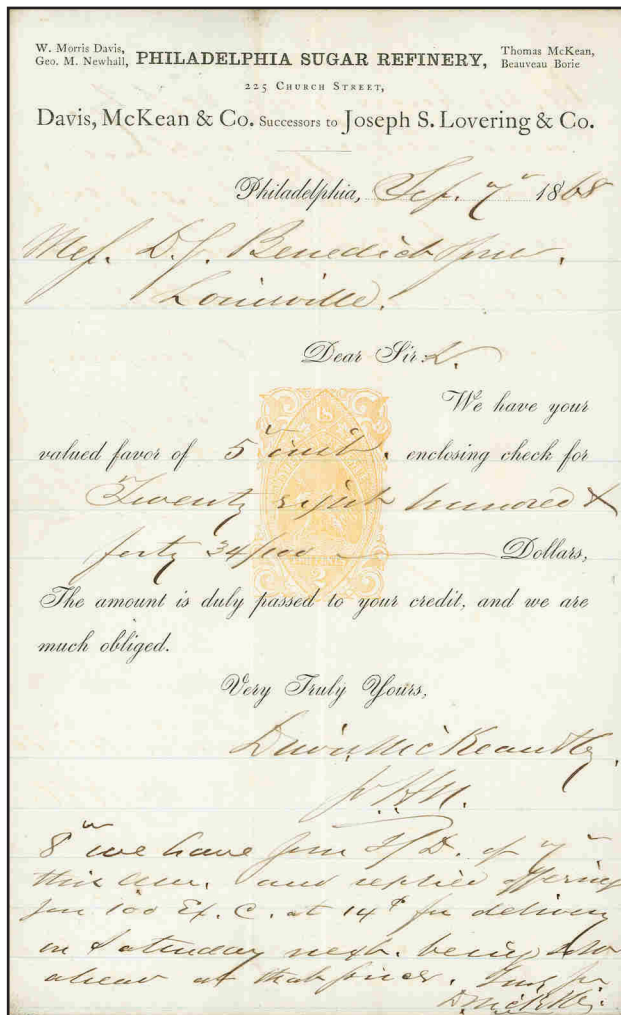
This very unusual document is entirely generic, though it does have lines to enter text and amount. At the time it was used there should not have been generic documents, as they should have been approved as to form before an imprint was added. It was likely a holdover from the time before approval was necessary.

From what is written it is difficult to tell whether it is a receipt or a merchant's draft. It reads like a receipt for \$451.51 in cement for merchandise, which does not make a lot of sense to me. I would classify it as a receipt, in any case.



Another unusual document. Jas Wood & Company asked A.C. Lake of Paducah for \$445.35, and gave him 45 days in which to pay. This resulted in 25 cents in tax rather than two

cents if payable on sight. The two cent imprint was ignored, though it became payable when the draft was accepted. Then, at some point, the transaction was cancelled.



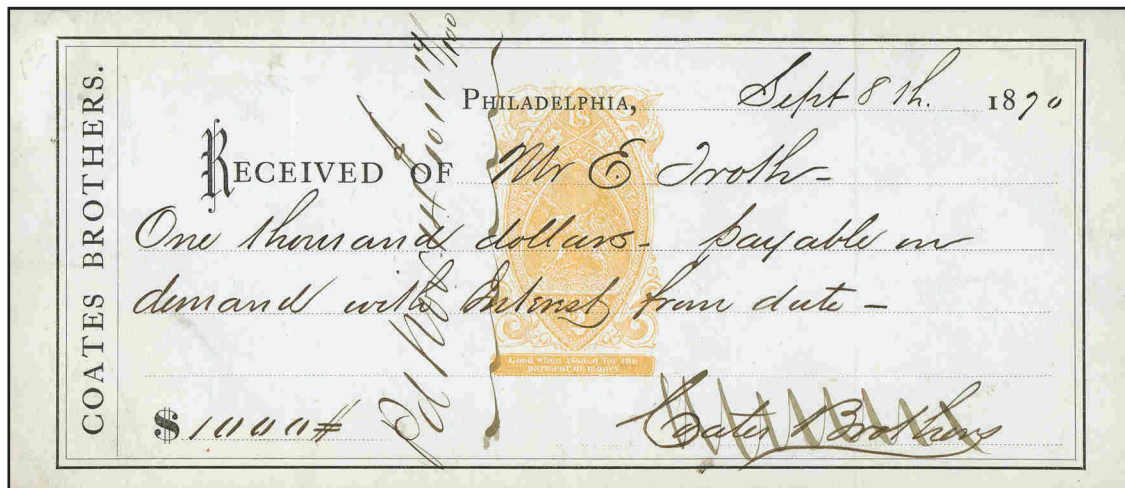
A receipt from the Philadelphia Sugar Refinery to D.S. Benedict and Sons, Louisville

There must be a number more Pennsylvania receipts with the tax paid by a Type B imprint, but the other two I have used B20.

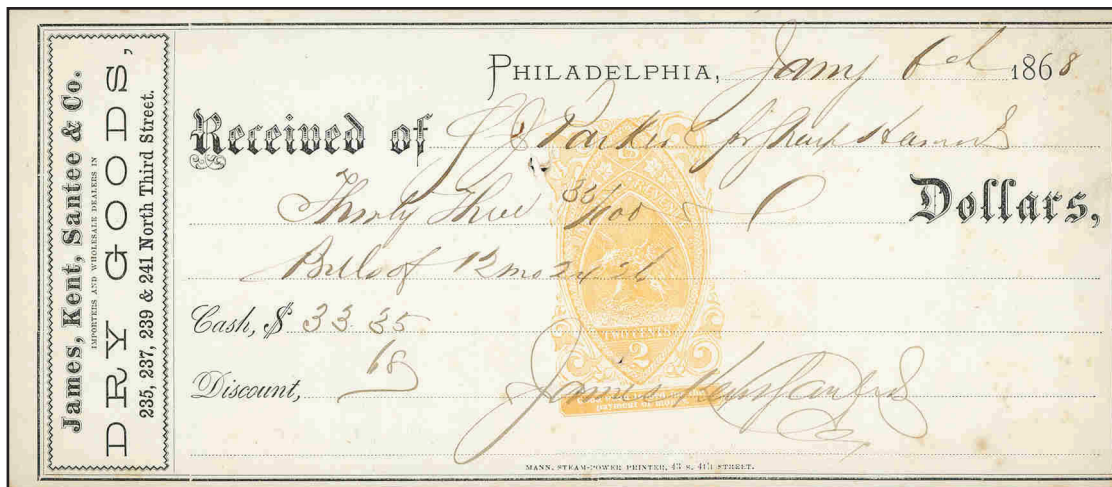
The Castenholz Eastern Central States *Field Guide* lists eleven with B20. One of mine is not listed, while the other has a different printed dateline. Bill also lists one using B16, so my listing will be representative only. If we want it to be more nearly complete we will need to draw on the Ivester and Leshner collections, at the very least. And there will still be others, no doubt.

RN B20

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	Coates Brothers		18__	Receipt
Philadelphia	James, Kent Santee & Co	WmM	186__	Receipt



The Coates Brothers were prominent wool merchants in Philadelphia. This receipt appears to have been used as a certificate of deposit which was paid a bit more than a month later, with interest.



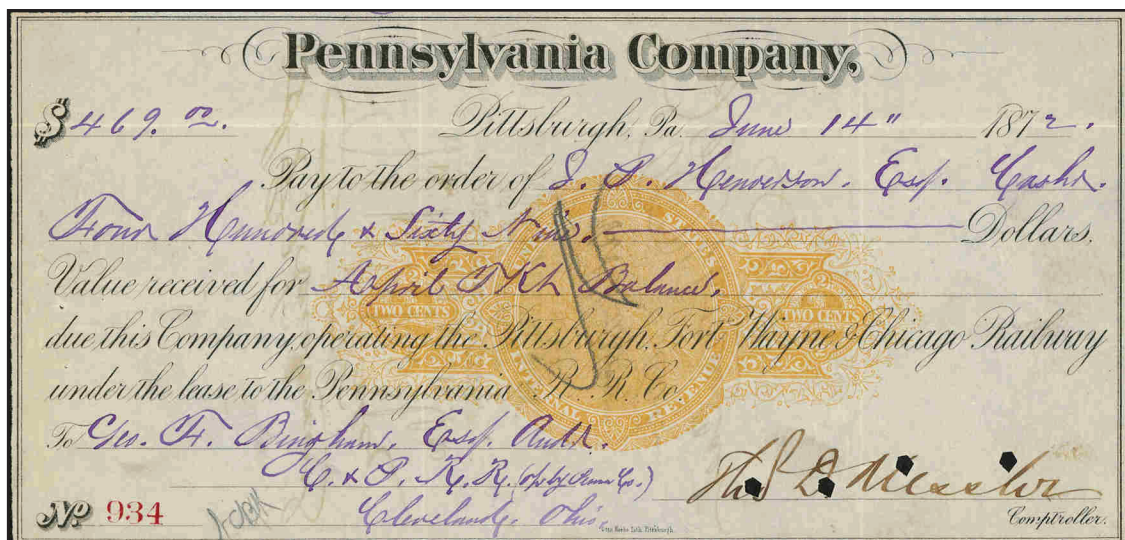
James, Kent, Santee & Company were dry goods merchants whose firm was established in 1840. Despite a disastrous fire in 1866, the firm prospered. And yes, the imprint on this receipt is a bit crooked.

RN C1

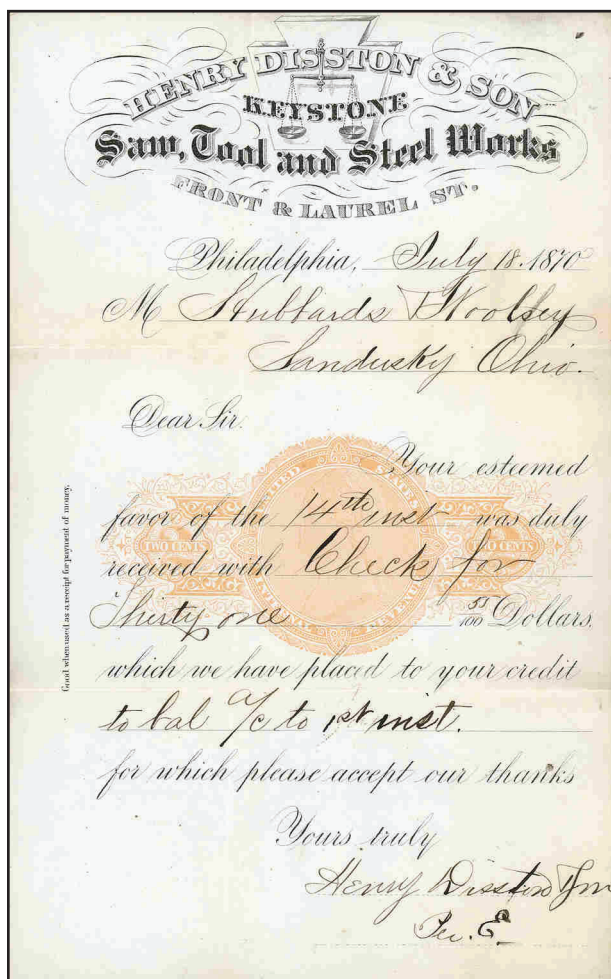
Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Pittsburgh	Erie & Pittsburgh Rail Road Pennsylvania RR Co, Lessee		187_	Draft
Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania Company	OtK	187_	Draft



The Pennsylvania Rail Road Company is asking for their share of proceeds from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway on trips between Erie and Girard (?) for the month of January, 1871.



The Pennsylvania Company was a holding company formed in 1870 to own the Western Lines of the Pennsylvania Rail Road. Here it is asking the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Rail Road for reimbursement of their share of ticket balances for April of 1872.

**RN C1a**

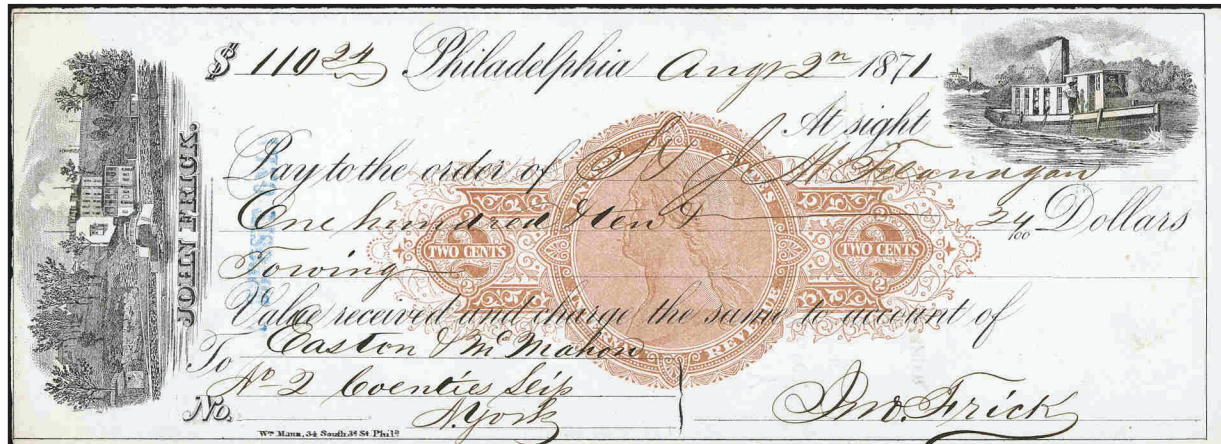
Location	User	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	Henry Disston & Son	1870	Receipt

Disston and Son are the users of several of the rare types of instructive clauses that are found with RN H3. Apparently one order of their receipts was sent to American Phototype instead of Butler and Carpenter, and received a Type C imprint instead of Type H.

Only three examples of C1a are currently known, but there well may be more. The instructive clause, which runs up the left side in black type, is easily missed if one is not looking for it.

RN C2

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	John Frick	WmM	187_	Draft
Pittsburgh	Indianapolis & Vincennes Railroad Co	CFK	187_	Draft



John Frick is undoubtedly related to the one who allowed locks of the Schuylkill Canal to be built on his property, which became known as Frick's Lock, though that particular John Frick had died by 1871. A son, perhaps?



The other C2 draft was drawn by the Indianapolis & Vincennes Railroad Company to collect ticket balances from what appears to be the Detroit, Toledo, Wabash and Logansport Rail Road, which does not show up in Edson's *Railroad Names*, so may or may not have existed briefly in the 1870s.

I'll continue this look at Pennsylvania non-bank drafts and receipts in subsequent issues as space dictates. Perhaps next time we will have access to most of the B20 receipts that were listed in Castenholz, as those he had now reside in the Ivester collection.

Connecticut Revenue Stamped Paper (RSP) Bank Checks and Related Documents - Part 1 - by Don Woodworth

In this issue we begin an inventory of Connecticut revenue stamped paper. This first installment is more of a prologue to the listing. Let Don present it in his own words.

I have prepared this list at the request of our editor following the approximate outline used by Peter Robin in his monumental listing of Pennsylvania checks that has been appearing for several years in *The Check Collector*. My listing will not be as extensive as Mr. Robin's list because I collect only revenue stamped paper (RSP) from Connecticut. I do have a few checks and documents bearing adhesive revenue stamps but not in sufficient number to be worthy of creating a listing for our journal. Hence, this list is confined solely to RSP. It lists all items in my extensive collection plus those I have observed in the collections of several friends. Those having additions to this list are welcome to contact me at don.woodworth@att.net. In contacting me, I would appreciate receiving scans of your material so that I will have an image and all details necessary in one fell swoop.

The extensive table that follows this introduction is organized as follows:

1. Horizontally: Break points show major RSP Types (A, B, C, etc.); Value and color of the imprinted stamp (ex. 2¢ Orange, 2¢ Green, etc.); Location of imprinted stamp on the document (Center {most common}, Left, or Right); and type of financial instrument (Check, Draft, Receipt, etc.).

2. Vertically: Eight columns, broken out as follows, provide:

a. Type. Entries in this column indicate the Sub-types of the basic Type of imprint shown on the horizontal "Type" line. The horizontal "Type" line indicating the break point for each given basic type of RSP known for Connecticut is sub-divided in this column. For example, the "Type B" is broken out to the appropriate subtypes in ascending order: B1, B1a, B6, B10S (the "S" indicates a printer's sample - not listed in the Scott catalog or in Castenholz), B17, B20, and B23. Note: there are many other sub-types of the Type B; only those known to exist for Connecticut appear in this listing.

b. Geographic Location. Self-explanatory.

c. Issuing Agency. This is the name of the bank or firm that issued or made use of a particular type of document. Care must sometimes be exercised in this area as distinctions between checks may be based on a subtle difference such as the font used for the same issuing institution or a manuscript line-out/write-in of a modified city or bank name.

d. Individual Account. This is the name of the person, firm, or institution having an account with the issuing agency. Ex: The Birmingham Iron Foundry having an account with, and being able to write checks upon, the Birmingham National Bank.

e. Printing and Paper Color. Indicates the color of the ink used to print the relevant document (separate from the color of the imprinted revenue stamp) and the color of the paper upon which the document is printed. The convention used is for the color(s) of ink(s) used to print the text of the document to appear first followed by the color of the paper upon which the document is printed.

f. Printing Company ("Print Co."). The name of the firm that printed the document - usually found in small type at the lower left hand corner of the document; sometimes toward the bottom center; and sometimes not included on the document. It is important to pay attention to this area because variations in how the name of the printer appears are sometimes the only thing that differentiates otherwise identical appearing documents. Our society maintains a master list of the full names for each of the three-letter printer codes accessed by clicking the words Security Printers Guide at our web site: www.ascheckcollectors.org. In cases where the name of a printer is not printed on a document, this is indicated by the appearance of a dash ("-").

g. Remarks. Pay careful attention to the "Remarks" column. There are sometimes differences in the way that a date line or the name of the printer distinguishes otherwise identical checks. The Castenholz Guide often does not distinguish among variations that appear on the Date line of a check or draft. For example, one check might have the date line printed simply as "18" and leave it to the user to manually fill in the last two digits of the year; other checks might have a "187" leaving it to the user to fill in the last digit of the year; and others might have the full year printed out. Similarly, the name of a printer may appear in all capital letters; mixed font capitals; or a mix of capital and lower case letters. There is no difference in price among such minor varieties. Collectors have the choice of how they collect such items - they can simply acquire one representative item or they can seek to acquire each minor variety. Completeness is in the eye of the beholder!

h. Castenholz Listing. C=Castenholz-listed. NC=Non-Castenholz-unlisted. A "C" indicates the item is listed in the Field Guide to Revenue Stamped Paper Part 5 The Eastern States printed by Castenholz and Sons, 1990. Though now 27 years out of date, this useful guide is still the best starting place for those who would collect Connecticut RSP - until, of course, the printing of this compendium! (-: The appearance of an "NC" in the "Stamp" column should definitely not be taken to infer that an item is particularly scarce but only that it is to be expected that new items would

appear during such a long interval between the printing of Mr. Catzenholz's pioneering work and the present time. There are 440 individual listings of RSP in the Castenholz guide. There are (as of July 2017) 354 additional listings of Connecticut items discovered since publication of the Guide. I am certain there are more still to be found.

A warning: In some instances, Castenholz seems rather imprecise, likely due to the number of items that have been found since the printing of the handbooks complicating what originally might have been a simple listing for a single discrete item. It has been rather maddening in trying to accurately list Type G checks for places like Bridgeport and East Haddam due to the large amount of available material. Infallibility is not totally guaranteed despite my best effort and collectors are advised to use extra care if/when attempting to cross-reference Castenholz listings for these Types/Towns with the listings in this article.

I have elected not to include check sizes in millimeters as Mr. Robin did in his excellent Pennsylvania survey. Discounting a Type RN-C9 and a Type RN-L3, examples of which are only known to exist on document fragment, all other documents exist in their entirety and range in size from 2 7/16 to 3 12/16 inches in height by 6 1/16 to 8 13/16 inches in width. Exceptions are standard format vertical receipts that range from 5 1/6 to 5 8/16 x 7 10/16 to 8 8/16"; one receipt at 8 3/16 x 10 6/16" and a few stocks and bonds which are always larger items. It should be noted that all

of the dimensions cited here are for the overall size of the document itself and not that of the image appearing on the document. In almost all cases, the size of the design will be slightly less than the dimensions of the overall document.

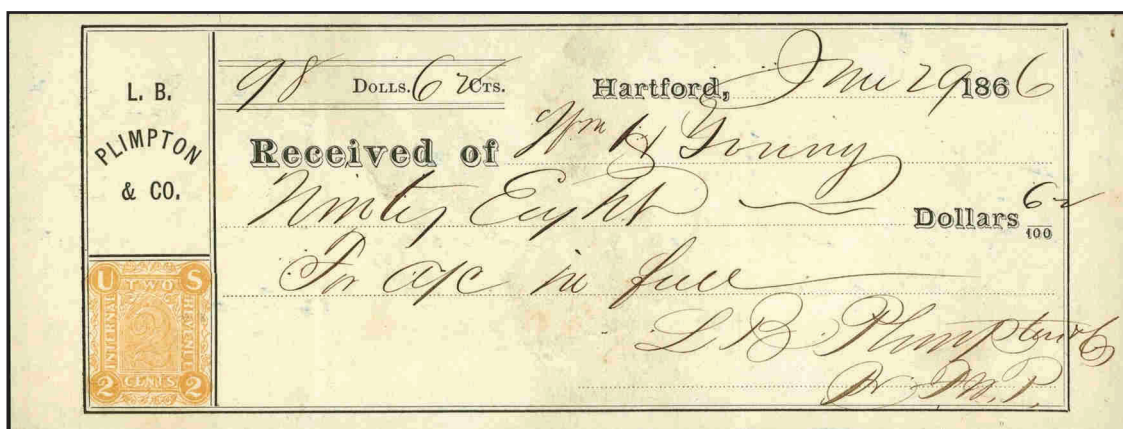
This listing is current as of 15 July 2017. Material herein listed has been acquired from many sources over the years: dealers/revenue dealers Dave & Joni Allego, Richard Friedberg, Eric Jackson, and Denny Peoples; friends Bob Hohertz and Hermann Ivester who are avid RSP collectors; and (increasingly) the internet. I would be happy to consider the purchase of items identified by an asterisk (*) in the "C or NC" column.

With this introduction, we will proceed to a comprehensive of all currently known items of Connecticut RSP and trust that readers will enjoy seeing what is out there. As just straight listings can tend to be a bit boring, I have also included illustrations of some of the more interesting pieces of Connecticut RSP that exist. It should be noted that most items are what could be classified as "Plain Jane" types of document – just basic text with no accompanying vignette(s). This is how roughly 75% of Connecticut RSP exists. We have elected to tap into the 25% of items with vignettes in order to show readers some of the more interesting material that exists. I thank my friends Lyman Hensley, Bob Hohertz, Hermann Ivester, and Ron Leshar for their assistance with this compendium. Happy reading and viewing!

RN A2

RECEIPT

Geographic Location	Issuing Agency	Individual Account	Type Color	Paper Color	Printer	Remarks	C / NC
Hartford	L.B. Plimpton & Co.		Black	White			C



RN B1

CHECKS

Geographic Location	Issuing Agency	Individual Account	Type Color	Paper Color	Printer	Remarks	C / NC
Birmingham	Birmingham NB (Roman font)	Birmingham Iron Foundry (blue hand stamp)	Green	White	CMC		C
Birmingham	First NB of the City of Bridgeport	Birmingham Iron Foundry (italic font)	Gold	White	S&B		C
Birmingham	Birmingham NB (script font)	Birmingham Iron Foundry (Gothic font)	Gold	White	S&B		
Bridgeport	Bridgeport NB	Wholesale Grocers (name at top missing)	Gold	White	N&P		C
Bridgeport	City NB		Purple	White	VKC		NC
Bridgeport	Connecticut NB of Bridgeport	Connecticut at left	Green	White	VKC	Printer at 19 Nassau St.	C
Bridgeport	Connecticut NB of Bridgeport	Connecticut at left	Green	White	VKC	Printer at 49 Cedar St.	NC
Bridgeport	Connecticut NB of Bridgeport	Bank name at left	Green	White	VKC		C
Bridgeport	First NB of Bridgeport	Connecticut at left	Red	White	EAL		NC
Bridgeport	First NB of Bridgeport	Connecticut at left	Red - Brown	White	EAL		NC
Bridgeport	H Nichols Treas. Naugatuck RR Co m/s over CT NB	Connecticut NB of Bridgeport at left	Green	White	VKC		NC
Deep River	Deep River NB	Connecticut at left	Red	White	VKC		C
Deep River	Deep River NB	Connecticut at left	Violet	White	VKC		C
Deep River		Russell Jennings	Violet		JSH		C*
East Haddam	NB of New England	"Cashiers Check" at left	Black	Gold tint	SHW		C
East Haddam	NB of New England	L. Boardman & Son	Green	White	C&M		C
East Haddam	NB of New England	L. Boardman & Son	Brown	White	CMC		C
East Haddam	NB of New England	Emory Johnson	Green	White	CMC		C
East Haddam	NB of New England	Wilson C. Reynolds	Gold, red, green	White	CLB		C
East Haddam	New England Nat Bk (sic) (m/s change from Thames NB, Norwich)		Green	White			C*
East Haddam	NB of New England	Freeman & Robertson	Red	Orange tint	NYL		C*
Goodspeed's Landing	NB of New England	W.H. Goodspeed (italics)	Red	White	GFN	Vignette of steamboat at left	C
Goodspeed's Landing	NB of New England	Goodspeed & Reynolds	Red	White	JSH	Vignette of sailing ship at left	C



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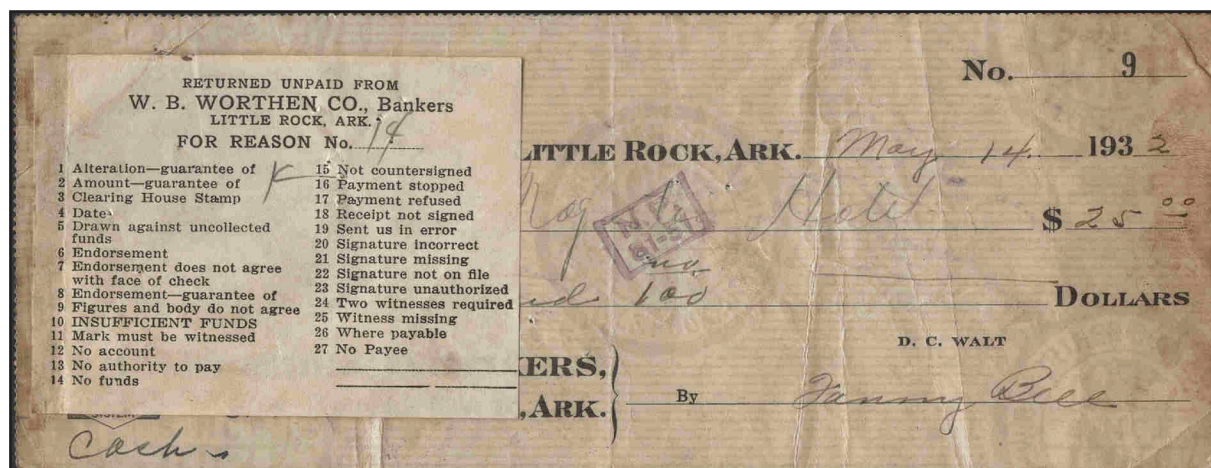
Announcements.

Chris Jones has volunteered to serve as the ASCC Secretary. He and Lyman Hensley, our current Secretary, are in the process of making the change. We thank Lyman for his many years of faithful service. Chris has also agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer when Dick Naven steps down on December 31, 2018. We also thank Chris for his willingness to serve in both capacities.

If you have not paid your dues for 2017, please do so ASAP. If your name is on the list of unpaid members this will be the last issue of TCC that you will receive unless you pay your dues.

Hermann Ivester

A Find in the Marketplace by Hermann Ivester



The check shown above was drawn on W. B. Worthen Co. of Little Rock in 1932. There is only one thing worth noting about this check and that is the rather exhaustive list of reasons for which the bank might refuse payment that is attached to its face. The list contains 27 reasons for refusing payment. A few seem to be a bit of a stretch, such as 16 and 17, "payment stopped" and "payment refused," which seem to be the same thing. Numbers 10 and 14, "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" and "No funds," also hardly seem to be worth separating into two categories. Moreover, they undoubtedly

are the two most common reasons for refusing payment. One would think the bank could have made them numbers 1 and 2 rather than bury them at 10 and 14. I know, that would disregard the alphabetical order, but given the bank's creativity otherwise displayed in the long list, renaming them "Account has insufficient funds/no funds" would have restored order. Perhaps I have not been paying close enough attention, but I do not recall ever seeing anything comparable. Is this notice as odd as it seems to me, or have other members also seen something similar?

Member Exchange

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New member is interested in pre-1950 Wisconsin checks. Will purchase or trade for any needed. **Tom Casper**, S95W13453 St. Andrews Dr., Muskego, WI 53150. E-mail tcasper57@hotmail.com.

Charter member would like to obtain a check from the "Washington National Bank" or the Telegraphers National Bank", both of Saint Louis, MO. Will purchase or trade. **Ron Horstman**, 5010 Timber Lane, Gerald, MO 63037.

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Lyman Hensley

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Resignations	0
Deaths	0
Undeliverable	0
Dropped - Not Paid	11
Current Total	120

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1642 Cherry, Hal

Dropped - Non-Payment of Dues

1928 Curt Banspach
 1786 George Q. Booth
 1895 Melvin Dill
 1758 Bob Fritz
 1519 Periodicals Division New York Public Library
 0981 Joel Rind
 1931 Susan Rouleau
 1724 James D. Sheppard
 1921 Bernard Smith
 0964 Charles R. Travis
 1930 Anthony Ventura

New Members

1942 Cucchiani, Renato (us pre 1918, Italy,
 Switzerland, Travelers checks)
 Via San Pietro 11
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 1943 Gibson, Jill (1, 6, 14, 31)
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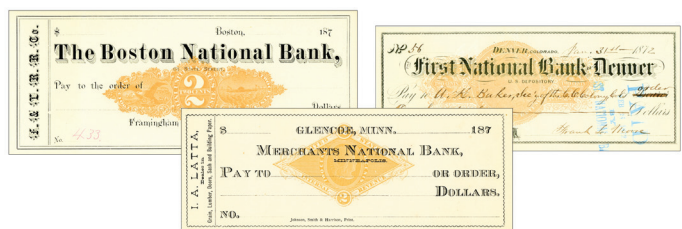
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